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RE: LSA Document #11-364
Fertilizer Material Use, Distribution and Record Keeping

Dr. Waltz,

The Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) appreciates this opportunity to comment upon the proposed fertilizer material use, distribution and record keeping rule. I also appreciated the opportunity to provide feedback throughout the drafting process.

One of the objectives of ISDA's strategic plan is to enhance the stewardship of natural resources on agricultural land in a manner that creates value-added opportunity for producers and assists agriculture stakeholders with current and future regulatory challenges. Environmental stewardship is key to the continued viability of agriculture for generations to come. The proposed regulations ensure fertilizer materials will be distributed and used effectively and safely as plant nutrients and in a manner that protects water quality.

I would like to commend the efforts by the State Chemist to integrate the proposed fertilizer use rule with the existing Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) water quality regulations. Many in-state and out-of-state producers will be effected by the rule. Complimenting IDEM's regulations will reduce confusion and uncertainty for the regulated community.

In closing, ISDA supports the proposed fertilizer use, distribution and recordkeeping rule and we believe it will greatly assist producers in their continual efforts to utilize practices that provide the utmost environmental protection.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amy Cornell". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Amy Cornell
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